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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR SUPPLIER CONSULTATIONS WITH ITALIANS,
BELGIANS AND DUTCH

1. AT MARGINS OF LONDON SUPPLIERS' MEETINGS USDEL HEAD
NYE MET WITH MIGLIULO (ITALY), GILLON (BELGIUM) AND
KOOIJMANS (NETHERLANDS) ON SENSITIVE NUCLEAR EXPORT
ISSUES.

2. NYE ASKED IF ITALY FULLY SHARED THE COMMON POSITION
ON A DE FACTO MORATORIUM ON THE TRANSFER OF SENSITIVE
TECHNOLOGY AND WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO STATE SO
PUBLICLY. MIGLIULO REPLIED THAT ITALY WOULD NOT TRANS-
FER SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES, AND IN FACT HAD RECENTLY
REFUSED AN IRAQI REQUEST FOR SALE OF A REPROCESSING
FACILITY. THEY LIMITED SALES IN THIS AREA TO MINOR
RESEARCH EQUIPMENT. IT WOULD BE POLITICALLY DIFFICULT
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TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT AT THIS TIME, BUT MIGLIULO
HAD LEAKED TO THE PRESS LAST FRIDAY THAT ITALY WAS AD-
HERING TO SUPPLIERS GUIDELINES STANDARDS. MIGLIULO
INDICATED INITIAL GOI REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S APRIL 7
STATEMENT HAD BEEN HASTY AND REFLECTED GENERAL DISAP-
POINTMENT OVER U.S. PROMISED ENERGY COOPERATION SINCE
1974, AND SPECIFIC CONCERNS THAT U.S. WISHED TO STOP

THEIR PARTICIPATION IN SUPERPHENIX. NYE SAID PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT SPOKE OF DEFERRING COMMERCIALIZATION OF BREEDER AND AVOIDING PREMATURE ENTRY INTO PLUTONIUM ECONOMY BEFORE WE HAD CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE ALTERNATIVES. WE WOULD BE INVITING THEM TO CLOSER NUCLEAR COOPERATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM. MIGLIULO EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR THIS CLARIFICATION.

3. GILLON TOLD NYE THAT BELGIUM DID NOT INTEND TO ENGAGE IN SENSITIVE NUCLEAR EXPORTS. (FYI: KOOIJMANS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT GOB SHOULD BE PRESSED FOR MORE EXPLICIT ASSURANCE ON SENSITIVE NUCLEAR EXPORT MORATORIUM AT APPROPRIATE TIME. END FYI.)

4. NYE CONFIRMED TO KOOIJMANS U.S. DESIRE FOR DELAY IN URENCO DECISION ON NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY TO BRAZIL, PENDING FURTHER U.S. EFFORTS TO ALTER FRG/BRAZIL NUCLEAR TRANSACTION. KOOIJMANS EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHY FOR U.S. EFFORTS AND INDICATED THAT URENCO PARTNERS WERE UNLIKELY TO AGREE TO RENEW FUEL SUPPLY CONTRACT BEFORE DUTCH ELECTIONS, BECAUSE OF DUTCH INSISTENCE ON FULL URENCO CONTROL OVER DISPOSITION OF ANY PLUTONIUM AND CONTINUED GON RELUCTANCE TO MAKE ALMELO EXPANSION DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUE. URENCO PARTNERS HAD MET AT WORKING LEVEL IN MARGINS OF LONDON SUPPLIERS' MEETING BUT HAD REACHED NO CONCLUSION ON CONTRACT RENEWAL. IN ANY EVENT, HE AGREED THAT WE SHOULD CONSULT FURTHER ON POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF FURTHER DELAY BASED ON
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OUTCOME OF PRESIDENT'S FORTHCOMING LONDON MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT.

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